

# **Memo to police detectives and evidence officers**

## **Handling and storage of exhibits presumed to be GHB**

Materials which are suspected to be GHB (gamma hydroxy butyric acid) or the related compounds GBL (gamma butyrolactone) and 1,4 butandediol, should be submitted to the Drug Laboratory as soon as possible.

Because these compounds interconvert over time for various reasons, it is important that the exhibit is delivered to the lab in a most timely manner. While held at the local evidence lockup, the material should be kept cool and most preferably refrigerated while awaiting transport to the Drug Lab. Ideally, the material should be masked from light.

These materials will likely be marked or disguised as food supplements, muscle enhancers or sleep aids. They can be added to juices and bottled waters. Added to water or by themselves, they may appear thicker, more viscous, than water.